THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the State Government, no decision has been taken to allow a license scheme for the hunting of wild animals. However, Rule 11 to 31 of the Madhya Pradesh Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1974, already provides for a regulation system for hunting of wild animals that are dangerous to human life or to property.

World Lake Conference at Jaipur

1842. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is adopting the Jaipur declaration, the 12th World Lake Conference held at Jaipur during 29th October—2nd November, 2007; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) During the 12th World Lake Conference (Taal 2007), organized under the aegis of International Lake Environment Committee (ILEC) Foundation and hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, at Jaipur (Rajasthan) from 28th October to 2nd November, 2007, a ***Jaipur Declaration*** was adopted at the valedictory session of the Conference. The declaration recognized the importance of lakes and wetlands for the goods and services they provide and expressed concern over the deteriorating state of these water bodies globally. It called upon the Governments and international organizations to take measures for dvelopment of water quality standards, appropriate research methodologies, guidelines, treatment technologies, etc. in respect of lakes and wetlands and promote their restoration and management through various measures. It also emphasized the need for strong institutional and financial mechanism for regional and international cooperation in the area of lakes and wetlands management.

Pending water schemes of Chhattisgarh

†1843. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of water schemes of Chhattisgarh State lying pending for want of approval in principle and since when these schemes are pending;

(b) whether there are any obstacles in the implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the details of approval of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conservation of medicinal plants

1844. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) the details of the programme run by his Ministry for Conservation of medicinal plants in the country;

(b) the amount spent on conservation of medicinal plants in the country since last three years, State-wise, year-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the budget allocated to his Ministry for conservation of medicinal plants in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi